



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

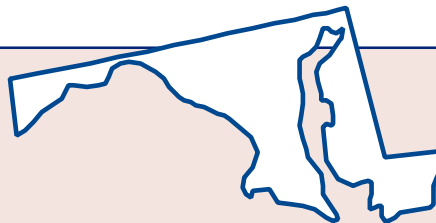
Maryland Department of the Environment

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Maryland Department of the Environment was selected to receive an assessment grant. The sites to be assessed with hazardous substances funding are located in Frederick City and the sites to be assessed with the petroleum funding are in three locations in various parts of Maryland. Frederick City has a population of 8,065, of whom approximately 20 percent are minorities. The hazardous substances sites to be assessed in Frederick City are in close proximity to high-density residential areas and include properties formerly used as automobile repair shops, landfills, machine shops, and canning and processing facilities. The petroleum sites include a garage, a petroleum sales



Assessment Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$120,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Maryland Department of the Environment for a brownfields assessment grant. The Department plans to use the hazardous substances funding to conduct assessments at four sites in the historic district of Frederick City. Petroleum funding will be used to address three brownfields sites located in various areas along public highways in Maryland.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Grant Recipient: Maryland Department of the Environment 410-537-3437

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the Maryland Department of the Environment has received brownfields funding for a revolving loan fund grant.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

facility, and an abandoned market and deli. Approximately 1,934 people live within a half-mile of the sites potentially contaminated with petroleum. These areas have an average poverty rate of almost 28 percent.